

# Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing (51-7042)

**Occupation description:** Set up, operate, or tend woodworking machines, such as drill presses, lathes, shapers, routers, sanders, planers, and wood nailing machines. May operate CNC equipment.

## Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	150	171	14.0	2	3	6
United States	60,600	72,900	20.1	1,230	510	1,740

### Job outlook

**Alaska:** Alaska's employment growth is moderate with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

## 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	13.64	n/a	8.98	13.13	18.92

## Labor Force Indicators

### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
69	6	8.7	37.9	30.3

### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	29
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	1
UI claimants previously working in occupation	37

### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	69
Number of job position postings	2
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	34.5

## Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Short-term on-the-job training

## Training Resources

Degree

### Beacon OHSS

Energy Isolation (NSTC and OSHA Offered)

Degree

### Vocational Training and Resource Center

Furniture and Cabinet Maker

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